HOUSE BILL 3934 By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 1, relative to ethics.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 2-10-1__. It is an offense for any member of the general assembly to use official stationery or campaign stationery for the purpose of introducing, initiating, delivering, distributing, sending or otherwise conveying a campaign contribution from a multicandidate political campaign committee representing a business entity or from a business entity otherwise permitted to make contributions. For the purposes of this section, any such written communication from a member of the general assembly included with a campaign contribution from such a multicandidate political campaign committee or business entity otherwise permitted to make contributions shall constitute prima facie evidence that such member violated the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.